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REMARKS

Amendments to the claims

Support for the amendments to the claims can be found on page 8, lines 14-17 and on page 8, line 36 to page 9, line 2.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Weber et al. (EP 0 530 538). The present invention is directed to a multilayered article comprising a plurality of layers of polyamides and arranged to include two surface layers comprising one or more aliphatic polyamides containing one or more oxidation stabilizers and at least one inner layer comprising a semi-aromatic polyamide that does not contain oxidation stabilizers. Weber et al. do not disclose multilayered articles in which surface layers comprise aliphatic polymers containing one or more oxidation stabilizers and in which inner layers comprise a semi-aromatic polyamide that does not contain oxidation stabilizers.

The examiner has stated that "[w]ith regard to claims 2 and 3, the aliphatic polyamides further comprise an oxidation stabilizer of aromatic amines (Page 6, claim 5)." However, there are no claims on page 6 of Weber et al. (referring to EP 0 530 538 B1) nor any mention of oxidation stabilizers. Claim 5 of Weber et al. on page 8 (referring again to EP 0 530 538 B1) also does not mention oxidation stabilizers.

The present claims are believed to be novel over the disclosure of Weber et al.

Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Stevens et al. (WO 98/10927). The present invention is directed to a multilayered article comprising a plurality of layers of polyamides and arranged to include two surface layers comprising one or more aliphatic polyamides containing one or more oxidation stabilizers and at least one inner layer comprising a semi-aromatic polyamide that does not contain oxidation stabilizers. Stevens et al. do not disclose multilayered articles in which surface layers comprise aliphatic polymers containing

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one or more oxidation stabilizers and in which inner layers comprise a semi-aromatic polyamide that does not contain oxidation stabilizers.

The examiner has stated that "[w]ith regard to claim 2, the aliphatic polyamides further comprise an oxidation stabilizer of aromatic amines (Page 6, claim 15)." However, there are no claims on page 6 of Stevens et al. nor any mention of oxidation stabilizers. Claim 15 of Stevens et al. on page 16 also does not mention oxidation stabilizers.

The present claims are believed to be novel over the disclosure of Stevens et al.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

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